

ITEM: 12

SUBJECT: Consideration of Adoption of the Central Valley Region Emergency, Abandoned and Recalcitrant 2005/2006 Annual Site Priority List

DISCUSSION: Chapter 6.75 of the California Health and Safety Code authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to provide underground storage tank (UST) Cleanup Funds to Regional Water Boards and local UST agencies for emergency, abandoned or recalcitrant owner situations. The funds may be used for direct cleanup of petroleum contaminated UST sites requiring emergency or prompt corrective action to protect human health or the environment. For abandoned sites and sites with a recalcitrant owner the sites must be placed on a State-wide list to be considered for cleanup funding. These funds allow the Board or a local agency to hire a contractor to do investigations and remedial work at the site.

The FY 2005-2006 Central Valley Region list, coordinated with local UST agencies to protect water quality and public health, contains a total of seventeen (17) sites located in Butte County, Calaveras County, Kern County, Merced County, San Joaquin County, Stanislaus County, Yolo County and Yuba County.

The proposed Resolution forwards the funding request for the nominated sites to the State Board to place the sites on the State Priority List. The State Board amends the State Priority List annually in July.

These abandoned and recalcitrant owner funds are subject to a cost recovery program administered by the State Board.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed Resolution regarding the Central Valley Region Emergency, Abandoned and Recalcitrant Annual Site Priority List.

Mgmt. Review _____
Legal Review _____